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seeks to enforce the claim. *Held*, that she may recover. *Sullivan* v. *Shea*, 162 Pac. 925 (Cal.)

In most jurisdictions a creditor may extinguish his claim, without consideration, only by a release under seal, or in the case of a specialty by the surrender or destruction of the instrument itself. Weber v. Couch, 134 Mass. 26. Even under the somewhat anomalous New York rule a written, though gratuitous, receipt for payment is the only other alternative. Gray v. Barton, 55 N. Y. 68. Accordingly, the court in the principal case held that there had been no extinguishment. A declaration of trust of a chose in action in favor of a stranger is, however, binding, though oral and without consideration. Ex parte Pye, 18 Ves. Jr. 140. No reason suggests itself why the trust may not as readily be declared in favor of the obligor of the *chose*. The claim would then be virtually extinguished since the cestui-obligor would be protected in order to prevent circuity of action. But in the principal case the deceased's intention was to extinguish an obligation; not to create a trust. Formerly courts were inclined to treat an imperfect gift of a chattel as a perfect declaration of trust. Morgan v. Malleson, L. R. 10 Eq. 475. To do so imposes a duty upon the donor which he never intended to assume. Modern decisions have abandoned the doctrine. Richards v. Delbridge, L. R. 18 Eq. 11. However in the case of land an imperfect conveyance will be supported whenever possible as a bargain and sale, or covenant to stand seised. Roe v. Tranmer, 2 Wils. 75. For by virtue of the Statute of Uses the final result is precisely the one intended. A case like the principal case, where there is a gift of a chose to an obligor, occupies an intermediary position. Cf. Flower v. Marten, 2 Myl. & C. 459. By distorting the intended extinguishment into a trust no additional burden would in fact be imposed upon the deceased's estate. Yet the result would differ from, however closely it might resemble, that which deceased had attempted to effect. It is submitted, therefore, that the somewhat anomalous rule of Ex parte Pye need not, and consequently should not, be extended to upset a longsettled doctrine of the common law; and that the principal case is sound.

CONFLICT OF LAWS — JURISDICTION OF COURTS: PERSONAL JURISDICTION — SERVICE: SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AS A DENIAL OF DUE PROCESS. — The defendant was domiciled in Texas, but had left the state, not intending to return. A judgment on a note was rendered in Texas against him after service by publication. He seeks to have the judgment reversed for want of due process of law. *Held*, that the judgment is reversed. *McDonald* v. *Mabee*, U. S. Sup. Ct., Oct. Term, 1916, No. 135.

A state cannot in general extend the effect of its process outside its borders so as to acquire jurisdiction. Ralston's Appeal, 93 Pa. St. 133. Thus, service by publication does not give jurisdiction for a personal judgment against a non-resident. Pennoyer v. Neff, 95 U. S. 714; Rand v. Hanson, 154 Mass. 87, 28 N. E. 6. But service by publication will give a state court jurisdiction of a person domiciled within the state. Becquet v. MacCarthy, 2 B. & Ad. 951; Henderson v. Staniford, 105 Mass. 504. Due process of law, however, requires not merely jurisdiction of the defendant but reasonable notice to him. Roller v. Holly, 176 U. S. 398. Service by publication of a resident of a state who is not within the state has been considered sufficient. Henderson v. Staniford, supra; Fernandez v. Casey, 77 Tex. 452, 14 S. W. 149. And apparently in these cases it was not considered material whether or not the defendant intended to return to the state. But where there is no such intention to return, the chances are that publication will not actually notify the defendant. Consequently the rule of the principal case that such publication is not reasonable notice seems justifiable.

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